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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1903.

From the 22nd May until the 21st November, 1902, I was on leave in Europe. During that time Dr. A. W. Thomson of the College of Science, Poona, very kindly took charge of my office in addition to his own duties. On my resuming charge I found an accumulation of correspondence and estimates awaiting me. Whilst in Europe, under instructions from the Government of India, I assisted Dr. Burgess in Edinburgh in the matter of constructing the map required to accompany our new volume on the architectural remains in North Gujarât; and, before leaving for India, was able to help in the correction of the proofs of most of that part of the work originally written by me.

2. Upon my resumption of duty I engaged a photographic assistant, whose appointment was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 3131 of the 5th June, 1902, General Department, and he began at once upon the photographic prints required by the Director-General, *viz.*, four sets off the Sânci negatives and single prints off as many others as I had in office. These were completed, 1,595 prints in all, and were despatched to him last month. The addition of the photographic assistant brought my establishment up to four members, *viz.*, two draftsmen, one clerk, and one photographer. These are none too many, especially when one of them is away on leave. At present my clerk is away on two months' leave, and one of the draftsmen is doing as much of his work as he is able to, in addition to his own duties. With the extra charge, added in 1901, of Central India and Hyderâbâd, and the proposed further addition of Râjputâna and the Central Provinces, the work of which I have already begun, this small staff will hardly be sufficient, but I am hoping for further assistance in this direction when my Assistant's appointment is settled.

3. Having received instructions from the Director-General, through the Government of Bombay, to meet him at Ahmedâbâd, Ahmedâbâd. I left Poona for that place on the 7th December.

This was his first visit there, so we went over every building of any consequence, and, in doing so, at the same time settled upon the spot what further repairs and conservation each one needed. Proposals, embodying these requirements, were sent in by me on the 22nd December to the Executive Engineer, Ahmedâbâd, who was asked to frame the necessary estimates. This he did, and forwarded them to me for approval. They included work upon the following buildings :—

			Rs.
Ahmed Shâh's mosque	...	...	... 423
Do. watchman	...	...	... 38
Miyân Khân Jahân's mosque	...	...	... 1,427
Ahmed Shâh's Queens' tombs	...	...	... 697
Sidi Basîr's mosque and tomb	...	...	... 3,782
Queen's mosque in Sârangpur	...	...	... 900
Bâi Harira's mosque and tomb	...	...	... 906

			Rs.
Mujâvar's hut at Sidi Sayyid's	...	...	129
Bâba Lului's mosque	...	...	1,005
Achyut Bibi's mosque	...	...	1,808
Alam Chisti's mosque	...	...	152
Watchmen at Râni Sipri's, Sidi Sayyid's, and the Fathi mosques	...	...	139
Minor repairs to 16 buildings...	...	...	250

The above estimates were received, countersigned as approved, and returned by me during the year under report.

4. On the 3rd January, I accompanied Mr. Marshall to the Kârli caves.

**Kârli Caves.** The house for the custodian was being built when we were there, and we considered its walls too thin and unsubstantial—wattle and daub—to protect him properly during the heavy rains of the monsoon. I have already called the attention of the Executive Engineer, Poona, to this, suggesting that the walls be further protected by corrugated iron sheeting. We also noticed the manner in which the two notice boards, one without and one within the cave, had been put up. In both positions they are almost more conspicuous than the cave itself; they assert themselves in the most aggressively vulgar manner, and lead one almost to think the cave must be there to protect the boards. This has also been pointed out to the Executive Engineer with a view to their being set up in other positions where they may be seen and read without spoiling the appearance of the cave.

5. Later on, I received an estimate for repairs to the different groups of caves in which one item set down was for *repainting the figures* in the Kârli cave, which at some remote period had been daubed with colour by some vandals! One can almost hear these fine old caves crying out "Save us from our friends." But surely there must be some mistake here. Yet within the last year I have received two proposals from two different Executive Engineers to paint inscribed slabs by way of preserving them, and another entered in his estimate the whitewashing of an old carved black stone temple for the same purpose! Sometimes such things are done without our knowledge, such as the recent whitewashing of the old tomb of Ghulâm Shâh Kalhorâ at Hyderâbâd, Sind, and the excavation of unsightly trenches around the base of the old Buddhist *Stâpa* Thûl Mir Rukhan, near Moro, in order to throw up a ramp around the Thûl to preserve it. And *we* have to bear the execration of the public. I would be glad if it could be made a hard and fast rule that nothing whatsoever, however insignificant a measure it may seem, should be done to these old remains without a previous reference to our Department. It would now and again save a building from some well-meaning but disastrous protective measures.

6. Between the 7th and 10th of January I accompanied the Director-

**Bija'pur.** General to Bijâpur. As at Ahmedâbâd, it was his first acquaintance with the buildings here and so we took them in detail and noted at the same time what was necessary in each case to the further preservation of the building. Proposals for restoration and repairs were sent in by me to the Executive Engineer, through the Collector on the 19th January. Estimates for the work proposed have been framed accordingly. Estimates for the following buildings have passed through my hands during the year:—

			Rs.
Current minor repairs to 10 buildings	...	...	2,021
Batula Khân's Masjid	...	...	262
Malika Jahân's Masjid	...	...	788
Do.	...	...	340
The Gol Gumbaz	...	...	11,032
Do.	...	...	547
Green-stone sarcophagus	...	...	232
Inscription slab at the Citadel gateway	...	...	35
Mehtari Mahâl	...	...	1,342
Ibrâhim Rauza	...	...	8,131
Asâr Mahâl	...	...	407
Jami' Masjid	...	...	4,441
Makkâ Masjid	...	...	117
Landa Qasâb Bastion	...	...	125

					Rs.
Andu Masjid	...	...	...	...	665
Bukhâra Masjid	...	...	...	...	11
Malik-i-Maidân gun	...	...	...	...	282

7. In connection with the location of the Museum at Bijâpur—see Government Resolutions Nos. 2411 of 30th April 1902, and 4611 of 21st August 1902, General Department—an estimate for the conversion of the Nagârkhâna for that purpose was forwarded to Government, together with the report called for in paragraph 3 of the first mentioned Resolution, on the 13th July with my letter No. 203. The upper floor of the Nagârkhâna, near the Gol Gumbaz, offers by far the best accommodation for the collection; and the addition of the window frames, in the style of the old wood-work still seen in Bijâpur, will be rather restoring the appearance of the building to its original aspect than marring its exterior with modern innovations. For some time it was used as a residence; lastly, by a photographer, when the arched openings were blocked up with mud and rubble walls in which were inserted some ugly little modern windows.

8. On the 29th and 30th of January I visited Karmâla in the Sholâpur district to inspect the fort there for which I had received an estimate for nearly Rs. 30,000 for repairs to the same. I found it a comparatively modern structure and of not sufficient interest to warrant so large an expenditure. I noticed a very unusual thing in connection with the temple of Ambâbâi at this place—the *śikhara* or tower was surmounted by the Union Jack!

9. In continuation of my tour with the Director-General in Central India and Râjputâna, described in the following sections of this report, I visited the Buddhist stûpa, known as the Thûl Mir Rukhan, near Moro in Sind. It was proposed to carry out certain repairs to it, but it was necessary that I should see it first; and, as I could not visit it before, instructions were sent last year to the effect that, as a preliminary measure, the fallen brick and earth debris, which had fallen from the stûpa, and was banked up all around its base, should be carefully removed and all terracotta ornament, carved brick, or sculptures found in it being kept until my visit. These instructions seem to have been misunderstood, for, instead of removing the accumulation already around the stûpa, an additional heavy earthen ramp was piled up around it to a considerable height, the earth for the purpose being dug from a series of pits forming a ring immediately around the stûpa! This additional ramp is not required and the pits left look very ugly. A short account of this stûpa is given in my Progress Report for the year ending 30th June 1897.

10. At Hyderâbâd (Sind) I found that, since my last visit, the fine old tomb of Ghulâm Shâh Kalhorâ has been whitewashed! I made notes for further work upon this tomb and also upon the very dilapidated tomb of Ghulâm Nabi Khân a little further to the south. I have yet to send in my proposals for these buildings.

11. For the Nâsik district I received an estimate framed by the Executive Engineer for repairs to the old sculptured temple at Jhodga, described in my Progress Report for the months of May 1891 to April 1892, page 13, but as the proposed measures were not quite suitable it was returned to be recast.

12. From the Sholâpur district an estimate was sent in for cleaning a certain old inscribed slab, and painting it in order to protect its surface from the weather. From another district I also received an estimate for painting an inscribed slab. Painting an inscribed slab is a great mistake, and I trust such a method of preserving these inscriptions will never be put into practice. The surfaces of these are, as a rule, in none too good a condition for yielding sharp impressions, but the addition of paint would tend to fill up the letters, especially in those cases where they are very finely cut, or already partly obliterated by decay. The best protection is to remove the stone to some shelter, if isolated and not connected with any building, or to erect a shelter over it.

13. Minor measures of conservation and current repairs were provided for, by estimates submitted and countersigned, for the caves of Kârli, Bhâja, Bedsa, and Shelârvâdi, and the monuments at Koregâon in the Poona district; for the old Dakhan forts of Lohagad, Visâpur, Râjmâchi, Sivaneri (including the Junnar caves), Singad, and Sholâpur; the Pându Lena caves near Nâsik, and the temple of Aesvara in the same district; at Sangamesvara, Erandol, Thâlnar, Pâtan, and Chângdeva in the Khândesh district; and to the Damari Masjid at Ahmednagar. Estimates for the clearance of weeds and jungle about the buildings at Champâner, Bhatkal, and the Kondevti caves, with fencing in of the latter, were received and passed. And one for the cleaning off the names scribbled and painted in the Kânheri caves.

14. The following is a statement of the actual expenditure incurred on the conservation of ancient monuments during the financial year 1902-1903, as supplied by the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, Bombay :—

			Rs.	a.	p.
Ahmedâbâd—					
Watchmen for Râni Sipri's and the Fathi mosques	...	...	83	10	4
Repairs to the Queen's mosque in Mirzâpur	...	...	4	13	9
Repairing Bâi Harira's well	...	...	71	4	10
Restoring Sidi Sayyid's mosque	...	...	18	14	2
Repairs to Achyut Bibi's mosque	...	...	10	5	7
Repairs to Ektoda mosque in Sârangpur	...	...	176	7	9
Repairs to Sayyid A'alamu'd-din's mosque near Khânpur gate	...	...	400	14	9
Clearing weeds and vegetation from various old buildings	...	...	249	5	0
Repairing old buildings	...	...	36	4	9
Special repairs to the Adâla step-well	...	...	939	3	2
Watchman for Sidi Sayyid's mosque	...	...	32	2	6
Colour-washing the enclosure wall of Sidi Sayyid's mosque	...	...	12	12	0
Champâner—					
Preservation of buildings, general	...	...	249	3	3
Special repairs to buildings	...	...	946	0	6
Elephanta Caves—					
Additions and alterations to the custodian's quarters	...	...	1,322	14	0
Quarters for the assistant custodians	...	...	747	4	6
Maintenance and repairs to the caves, pier, and buildings	...	...	1,625	13	1
Ambarnâtha—					
Current repairs to the old temple of Ambarnâtha	...	...	30	3	0
Thânâ—					
Repairs to the two of tombs of the Sâlsette Chiefs	...	...	12	6	0
Ahmednagar and District—					
Repairs to the Damadi Masjid at Ahmednagar	...	...	24	1	0
Repairs to Mallikârijuna's temple at Karjat	...	...	37	14	2
Repairs to Lakshmi-Nârâyana's temple at Pedgâon	...	...	19	1	4
Repairs to the Devi's temple at Mândavgan	...	...	19	13	1
Khândesh—					
Repairs to temple of Sangamesvara in Pâchora tâluka	...	...	24	13	3
Repairs to old buildings at Erandol	...	...	72	7	9
Repairs to one of the temples at Balsâne	...	...	24	14	0
Repairs to the old Muhammadan tombs at Thâlnar	...	...	194	0	0
Nâsik and District—					
Watchman at the Pându Lenâ caves	...	...	117	8	1
Repairs to temple at Saptâśringi	...	...	74	15	10
Poona District—					
Providing custodian's quarters at the Kârli caves	...	...	798	0	6
Providing railing and gate at entrance to great cave	...	...	17	5	0
Repairs to Sivaneri fort and the caves at Junnar	...	...	196	6	6
Maintenance of custodian at the Kârli caves, 1902-1903	...	...	293	15	1
Repairs to the caves of Kârli, Bhâja, Bedsa, and Shelârvâdi	...	...	313	11	6
Repairs to the tomb of Dilâvar Khân at Khed	...	...	483	15	7
Repairs to the forts of Singad, Lohagad, Visâpur, and Râjmâchi	...	...	306	0	1
Sholâpur and District—					
Removing shrubs and vegetation from the bastions of the fort	...	...	146	4	0
Repairs to the old temple at Velâpur	...	...	79	3	8
Current repairs to the Jaina temple in fort, Belgaum	...	...	16	15	6



Bijâpur and District—			Rs.	a.	p.
Special repairs to the Ibrâhim Rauza, Bijâpur	...	...	1,416	2	5
Current repairs to old buildings at Bijâpur	...	...	2,018	14	11
Repairs to Malika Jahân's Masjid, Gol Gumbaz, and greenstone tomb, Bijâpur	...	...	1,609	3	0
Repairs to Batula Khân's mosque, Bijâpur	...	...	249	9	6
Repairs to the outlet of the Râmling tank, Bijâpur	...	...	49	1	10
Maintenance of the Bâdâmi caves	...	...	30	0	0
Dhârwar District—					
Repairs to Dodda Basavânna's temple at Dambal	...	...	53	14	11
Repairs to the old temple at Unkal	...	...	39	3	7
Repairs to Kaśivîśveśvara's temple at Lakkundi	...	...	50	0	0
Repairs to Nanneśvara's temple at Lakkundi	...	...	49	15	9
Repairs to Nagareśvara's temple at Bankâpur	...	...	63	14	0
Repairs to the temple of Târakeśvara at Hângal	...	...	47	14	0
Repairs to the temple of Siddheśvara at Haveri	...	...	49	14	6
Repairs to the temple of Mukteśvara at Chaudadampur	...	...	48	7	0
Kânara District—					
Repairs to archæological remains in the Kânara district	...	...	44	15	0
Repairs to the temple of Pârśvanâtha at Bilgi	...	...	34	0	0
Ratnâgiri District—					
Repairs to the temple of Karṇeśvara at Kasabâ	...	...	93	13	8
Removing rank vegetation from the mosque at Dâbhol	...	...	49	14	2
Sind—					
Removing sand from enclosure around monument at Miâni	...	...	19	6	0
Repairs to the Buddhist Stûpa, Thûl Mir Rukhan	...	...	20	14	0
Repairs to the tomb of Ghulâm Shâh Kalhorâ at Hyderâbâd	...	...	545	14	10
Total			16,821	5	11

### BERA'R.

15. During the season 1901-1902 I toured through Berâr with the express purpose of examining its principal antiquarian remains with a view to their conservation. My last Progress Report formed my report upon the subject, and in accordance with my proposals and suggestions therein detailed estimates were prepared by Captain Tilley, R.E., and Mr. Vacha, Executive Engineers, respectively, of East and West Berâr. These were countersigned and returned for allotment of funds, and included estimates for repairs and restoration to the following buildings :—

West Berâr—			Rs.
Bârsi Tâkli, Temple of Bhavâni	...	...	503
Sirpur, old Jaina temple	...	...	896
Dhotrâ, old Hindu temples	...	...	1,458
Sâtgâon, old Hindu temples	...	...	1,965
Sâkegâon, old Hindu temples	...	...	933
Rohinkhed, old mosque	...	...	958
Pâtur, old Jaina caves	...	...	254
Mehkar, old Dharmaśâlâ	...	...	1,950
Lonâr, old Hindu temples	...	...	2,900
East Berâr—			
Lohâra, old temple	...	...	25
Dudhgâon	...	...	70

This gives a total proposed expenditure for the year of Rs. 11,912. The hill forts of Narnâlâ and Gâvilgâd still require to be visited; a certain amount of repairs will be necessary at both places.

### CENTRAL INDIA.

16. During the month of February I accompanied the Director-General to Dhâr and Mându, His Excellency the Viceroy having requested him to visit these places in order to draw up a scheme for the repairs and conservation necessary to the fine old buildings of the Mâlva Kings. This Mr. Marshall has undertaken to do, and as his observations upon the work at these two places will no doubt be detailed in full in his own annual report it is useless for me to go over the same ground here. Both Dhâr and Mându would well repay a

complete and exhaustive survey. We hardly know what is in Mându yet, the place is so thoroughly overgrown with thick jungle and undergrowth. It would be a delightful bit of work to explore the hill completely, and I hope it may fall to my lot some day to do it. Even in our short visit we found many things that were new to us, both in constructive and decorative detail; for example, circular window frames, circular shafted columns, and a completely new design in finials. In the old mosque near the camping ground quite a novel method is used to enclose the end *zanáná* chambers, which in this case were not raised off the ground-floor of the mosque. In the long *sarái*, which was possibly used also as a mosque, beside Hoshang's tomb, on the west, we have a pillared building in which the pillars are an imitation of Hindu pillars. At first sight they look like genuine ones taken from some old temple, but this is not so.

17. I have already written an article on the iron pillar of Dhâr which is to appear in our Annual. It is not by any means the final word upon that interesting and mysterious column, but it will perhaps provoke further discussion and by degrees we may yet arrive at some more definite knowledge of its history.

18. The great inscribed slabs in the *mehráb* of the mosque known as Râjâ Bhoja's School ought most certainly to be removed, other plain slabs being carefully built up in their place. It is most distressing and vexatious to find some 1,200 square feet of the floor of the building paved with great numbers of these slabs, from which the inscriptions have been carefully chiselled away, leaving portions of lines of letters near the edges which are just sufficient to show us the full measure of our loss through the blind intolerance and fanaticism of the Muhammadans. I think the whole of the floor of this mosque should be taken up and relaid, all inscribed slabs that are found being removed. Some may have been even inscribed upon both sides.

19. All the country to the south and west of Dhâr, within the Central India Agency, is practically unknown so far as antiquarian remains are concerned. The few scraps of information I gleaned at Dhâr give promise of many interesting remains and places. The Bâgh caves to the west, which thirty years ago were intact, are now, I hear, falling in, and are so ruined that it is now almost hopeless to do anything to them. This is much to be regretted since they had upon their walls fresco paintings similar to those which make the Ajantâ caves so famous. There is a long and full account of these caves in the Journal of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for July 1856, page 543, by E. Impey, Esq.

#### RÂJPUTÂNA.

20. On my way round from Dhâr to Ajmer and Abu with the Director-General, I halted a day at Chitor for the purpose of ascertaining what had been done to the Jaina tower, and also in order to test a small wide angle lens and roll films upon the sculptures within the greater tower. These sculptures, which are in exceedingly cramped and confined situations within the staircase, some being in very dark corners, I hope, when the opportunity offers,\* to photograph in detail; but as special arrangements will need to be made for the working of the camera within this passage, I took this opportunity of taking measurements for the same, and of making some few trial negatives.

21. My notes, made on the occasion of this visit, on the work of restoration in progress at the Jaina tower, I have already submitted to the Director-General. The work had been stopped some time previously. In my recommendations and report, forwarded to Government in January 1901,† I proposed that about 30 feet of the tower from the top should be taken down and rebuilt. The workmen at the time of my last visit had taken down about this amount and had begun to carve new stones to replace missing and damaged ones.

22. From Chitor I went on with the Director-General to Ajmer and Abu. At the Dilvârâ Temples at the latter place he made notes with a view to further conservation measures being put in hand.

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\* See my Progress Report for the year ending 30th June 1901, paragraph 34.

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Id.

paragraph 33.

## THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.

23. In anticipation of the Central Provinces being added to my charge, I received a communication from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner asking me to attend a Conference of the Commissioners, which was to be held in June at Pachmarhi, with a view to advising them on the subject of the conservation of ancient monuments in that Province. This I did towards the end of June, the subject of Archæology coming under consideration on the 26th of that month. On my way up to Pachmarhi I examined the buildings at Burhânpur, in company with Mr. McQuillon, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, and settled upon the spot which buildings needed attention and the nature of the repairs necessary. Soon after my return to Poona I sent in a Report to the Central Provinces Government containing proposals for conservation work to as many buildings as I was personally acquainted with and promising, in the event of the Central Provinces being added to my charge as at present proposed, to tour through those parts I have not yet visited during the next cold weather, in order to submit proposals for further necessary conservation measures.

## PROGRAMME FOR 1903-1904.

24. Anticipating the final orders being issued in connection with my taking charge of the conservation work in the Central Provinces, I propose touring in that Province during the next cold weather with the object of submitting a report to the Chief Commissioner upon the conservation necessary, and a list of all buildings deserving of care and attention, with suggestions and proposals for the repair and upkeep of each. I propose to tour through those parts which I have not hitherto visited beginning with the Chândâ district. On my way there from Poona I would visit the hill forts of Narnâlâ and Gâvilgâd in Berâr, two places as yet unvisited by me in that Province. From Chândâ my route would lie through Nâgpur, Râipur, Bilâspur, and Sambalpur, in each of which districts there are many remains of interest to visit and examine. Thence I would continue *viâ* Bilâspur to Katni in the Jabalpur district, near which place, on the west, are remains of great interest, notably at Bilhâri, Chhota Deori, Bahuriband, Tigowa, and Rûpnâth.

25. Nohta, near Damoh, requires special attention. In 1894 I submitted certain proposals for the repairs of the fine old temple at this place. I am anxious to see what has been done here for I have heard rather disparaging remarks about the work carried out. From here Eran, near Bina Junction, is easily reached. There is here a group of Gupta remains, amongst them being two well-known inscriptions and a Gupta *lât* or column.

26. Continuing my tour I would visit the great *tope* at Sânci on the Indian Midland Railway, south of Bina Junction, since Mr. Marshall has called my attention to a complaint made concerning the encroachment of the jungle upon the *tope* and its surroundings.

27. There still remains one place in the Central Provinces requiring a visit and that is Mândhâtâ on the Narmadâ, north of Khandwâ Junction. Certain proposals were made for the repairs to, and finishing off of, the roof of the old temple of Siddheśvara upon the hill, but they are not satisfactory and a visit is necessary to settle this upon the spot. I can visit this place on my way round by rail from Sânci.

28. By this time it will probably be necessary for me to visit Chitorgad in connection with the restoration of the Jaina tower there. This is easily reached from Mândhâtâ. Dhâr and Mându, too, may possibly require some attention in connection with the extensive conservation work now in progress at those places.

29. As the hot weather wore on I would tour through the Kânarese districts of the Bombay Presidency, *viz.*, Belgaum, Dhârwâr, and Bijâpur in order to see what is necessary for the conservation of the numerous Châlukyan remains in



those districts. These, although surveyed in detail by me some years ago, have not yet had the attention they deserve towards their conservation and repairs.

30. If, as has been proposed, I am given an Assistant, I propose putting him upon the work of gathering information towards the Compilation of Lists of remains in Rājputāna, and for this purpose, he would have to travel in that province most of the touring season. I would take up Rājputāna before Central India for the reason that the greater part of it has not been explored and its remains are less known than those in Central India.

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